

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

As a citizen - one who is highly involved with my community and my family - I need to be informed about the political and electoral issues that affect my life. I must say, however, that I am greatly disappointed by the lack of informative television and radio programming.

There's much lamenting over the fact that so few people vote. I can tell you why that is since I've worked every presidential election since JFK and many local elections - MOST ordinary folks are not informed about the ballot and are hesitant to cast a vote out of ignorance or embarrassed to say they know so little. Sounds too easy? These very words have been said to me scores of times over the years at the polls.

Broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, and politicians say, "Let sleeping dogs lie." "Don't rock the boat." Meanwhile, the FCC fails its public mandate because it refuses to define and enforce meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming minimums for all broadcasters.

Our country is going down the drain while government institutions twiddle their thumbs. If you are committed to an informed public and a healthy democracy, I trust you will act on our behalf.

I'd like to have your response to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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